

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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First Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO de MISA

Daily Mass/Misas Diarias: 8 am Monday-Friday
Tuesday 7 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9 am and 5 pm
Misa del domingo: 11:15 pm (Spanish)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 pm. Also by appointment or after Mass.

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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS de OFICINA

Monday – Tuesday: 8 am-11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
Wed., Thrus., Fri., 8 am-5:30 pm
Sunday 9: 30 am-12:30 pm
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Alena Camarata

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec. 2-3, 2017

Welcome visitors!

Are you new to St. Andrew's Parish?
We welcome you. Please introduce yourself to the priest after Mass, and fill out a registration form.

"Sermon on the Amount"

Regular Sunday \$ 3,931

Building Fund: \$ 517

Religious Edu. \$ 310

TOTAL: \$ 4,758

Thanksgiving, St. Vincent: \$489

The parish budget calls for an average weekly income from Sunday & Building Fund donations, of \$5,392.35; & \$491.60 for Religious Education Programs. Thank you for your financial support



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3 Life After Confirmation. High School Unleashed 3:30 PM

Dec 4: NO 8 am MASS. Middle School 6:30 pm

Dec 5 Pacifica Senior Mass

Dec 6: Confirmation Catechists Christmas party. 7 pm

Dec 8: Immaculate Conception. Masses at 8 am and 6 pm,
(Spanish at 7 pm)

Dec 9: Confessions at 9 am and 3:30 pm

Dec 9: Elementary Catechists Christmas Party at 6:30 pm

Dec 10: Giving Tree gifts due back 10 am.

Dec 11 Young at heart 9 am

Dec 12 Mañanitas at 5:30 am. English Mass 8 am. Spanish Mass at 7 pm., followed by Aztec dances and reception.

ELEMENTARY AND YOUTH

Religious Education classes for Elementary age children, Sundays at 10:15-11:05 a.m.

Second Year Sacrament class for Parents and Students Thursdays at 6PM.

EDGE Middle School youth: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Please invite your friends. (classes canceled Dec 18-Jan 1)

Life-Teen High School/youth: Sundays at 6:15 p.m. These sessions are mandatory for First Year Confirmation. (classes canceled Dec 17-Jan 1)

CHOSEN First Year Confirmation Preparation every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. Next ones are on Dec 13.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

FAITH FORMATION ONLINE, in English or Spanish. Visit www.formed.org and type our code 449536 to create your username and password.

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG ADULTS (SAYA): For adults in their 20s and 30s. Contact Rachel Hochstein at 360-325-6682

CENTERING PRAYER on Mondays at 5:15 p.m., in the meditation/cry room. For more information call Karen at 962-9648.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP/ STUDY GROUP: Every Monday in the library at 6:30 PM. (Contact Mark Hayden at 962-9005).

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Tuesdays at 8:30 am

Pivotal Players in the History of Catholicism Adult Ed Tuesday 9 AM -parish library. (Call Hugh Spall 925-2937)

PRO-LIFE PRAYER-Outside of Planned Parenthood on Kelleher property Tuesdays 10:30 AM - Larry & Bea Cates (509)857-2163

CRAFTS UNLIMITED -Tuesdays 11 AM in 2nd grade room. - (Call Carole Vondergeest 962-1551)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) Thursdays at 6:30 PM in the library. For info. call Scott Zimmerman 962-9661

COMPASSION CORPS Thursdays 7 PM at the couch/5th grade room -Kelly Held (509) 304-4866

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS in 2nd grade room 7 PM -4th Thursday. Contact Matt Fromherz 962-8472.

WIVES IN PRAYER Fridays 9-11 AM at the parish library - (Emily Stickney 968-9195).

THE GIVING TREE is on display with tags for items or

cash. Please consider taking one or two tags. Gifts are due back on or before 10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 10, UNWRAPPED with the Gift Tag attached, for ease of sorting. Please join us for a Gift Wrapping Party on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a pair of scissors. Refreshments provided. Gift Baskets will be distributed on Thursday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Please come to the Southwest entrance of the Activity Center with your identification with current address listed. You may only pick up your family's basket.

Thank you, St. Andrew's parishioners, for all your help toward FISH this month. Because of you and Ellensburg's generosity, the Rotary's Operation Harvest took in 9,400 pounds of food, and FISH was also able to make its goal of distributing over 300 donated Thanksgiving turkeys. Our Valley View Weekend Meals program is also a success because of you. One VV father sends his deep gratitude for your help in getting his child through the weekend, and another second grader wrote a thank you to her teacher when she returned Monday morning after her very first weekend bag of food. Every VV teacher thanks you, too!



"The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us--to refresh us and make us healthy, to be able to receive Christ in whatever form he may come to us."

MASSES FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(December 8: Holy Day of Obligation)
8 AM and 6 PM English. Spanish 7 PM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
English Mass 8 am. Spanish Mass at 7 pm.,
followed by Aztec dances and reception.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Weds, December 13: 4:00 pm St. Joseph
7:00 pm St. Paul Cathedral
Thurs, December 14: 4:00 pm Holy Redeemer
7:00 pm Holy Family
Monday December 18 at 6:30 pm ST ANDREW'S
Tuesday December 19 at 6:30 pm Cle Elum



Dear Parishioners:

Every Tuesday after Mass we have the devotion prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Due to the Redemptorist Priests (Saint Alfonso di Liguori), the image has become very popular among Roman Catholics, although the original is a Byzantine icon. My grandmother was very devoted to this image, so my family has a special affection for this Marian title.

Another group that we have in the parish is the men's fellowship / study group, formerly known as the men's bible study. They are finishing their book study before starting to study the part 4 of the Catechism related to prayer. All men are welcome to attend. They meet every Monday in the library at 6:30 PM. You can contact Mark Hayden at 962-9005 for more information.

I want to thank all the families that helped during the advent wreath party. Next year we will advertise it more, since we need to involve more families in this tradition.

I also want to thank all the families that participated in the Family Pizza Party this past Thursday and helped in the preparation and cleaning up afterwards. It was a beautiful way to celebrate our patron saint, St. Andrews.

Please mark on your calendar the upcoming events for December, including the confessions dates and Mass times for our Holy Days that are advertised on this bulletin.

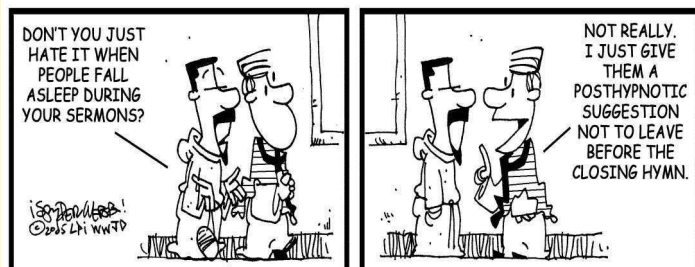
Have a blessed Advent.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. David Jimenez

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Lori Boykiw Smith, Pat Carney, Peter Conti, Don Bacon, Carlos Huitron, Ray Fletcher, Reid O'Donnell-Herbers, Joe Jacobs, Bernice Orcutt, Ken Lafferty, Ken Riddle, Bob Riggins, Fred Schaan, Raechele Lunde, Wally Dillon, Tom Emerson, Leo and Linda Brennan, Shawn Lopez, Hubert Schmitt, Jean Larmore, Jodi Huschka, Dorothy Drotzmann, Rich Hctor, John Shea, Lee Honeycutt, Mary Andreotti, Lee Orcutt, Beth Brunson, Arlene Steinhardt, Karen Mayfield, Deb Clark, Gary Cutts, Patrick Kopczynski, Natalie Joyce, Kathy Taylor. (Please call the office with updates, this list will be purged at the beginning of every other month.)

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / STAY AWAKE



CHRISTMAS GIFTS & GOODIES SALE: Sunday, December 3rd, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Crafts Unlimited teams with Wives in Prayer and their wonderful baked goodies. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's.

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION Dec. 3, 2017

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word Adventus, which means “coming.” Like Lent this is a preparatory season, one that has us looking forward and waiting for something greater.

We are aware that the One Who is coming is Christ, but that means more than just Christ's birth at Christmas. **It also means the coming of Christ into our lives through grace and the sacraments of Holy Communion and reconciliation.** However, its ultimate meaning has to do with preparing for Christ's second coming.

We hear readings from Isaiah often at this time of year because that prophet foretold in such accurate detail the coming of the Messiah. In addition, there is a certain poetry to the way Isaiah writes. The closing of our First Reading is “*Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.*” What an eloquent statement about Who God is, and who we are as well! However, even if we understand that we are God's creation, as is everything, for God to truly form us we must be open to Him and to His direction and guidance.

St. Paul opens today's Second Reading by greeting them with “*Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*” St. Paul uses the phrase “*grace to you and peace*” **five other times** in his letters in the New Testament. Grace is always first and peace second, because grace is the source of peace. Without grace there can be no peace. Referring to “*the Lord Jesus Christ*” is also quite typical of Paul's perspective. In fact, he uses that term almost **twenty times in this letter alone.** Immediately after his greeting Paul writes, “*I give thanks to my God always on your account...*” . Gratitude, as we know, is at the heart of a stewardship way of life.

The Gospel Reading from St. Mark opens with “*Be watchful! Be alert!*” This is the same message we have heard over and over in recent weeks. We do not know, cannot know, when Jesus is coming or when our own lives will end. There are two ways to look at that: the cynical way is “*I don't know so it really does not matter.*” Or the real way, as Jesus reminds us, we need to be alert, eager, and ready for His coming. But we tend to put that preparedness off, which is the human way we often respond. Now is the time for each of us to commit ourselves to getting prepared by embracing the many opportunities afforded us during Advent and then Christmas.

The Lord says “*It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work.*” Jesus is the “man traveling” and we are His “servants.” He has left us with His house (the Church entrusted to each of us); His authority (authority always involves responsibility); and our own work (we are not responsible for someone else's work, but we certainly are for our own). Advent is a time to pray and to respond to what Christ has left us — our Church, our responsibilities, and our own individual callings. . From: www.catholicsteward.com/blog